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## ADJOURNMENT

### Logan Metro Football Club

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment) (7.03 pm): Local sporting clubs create dynamic, inclusive communities and strengthen the fabric of our state. They are places where bonds are made and lifelong friendships are formed, places where lessons are learned, growth takes place, and important traits like dedication, resilience, communication and teamwork are developed and shaped. In my home city of Logan we are blessed to have many sports clubs that really capture all that is great about our wonderful city. Logan Metro Football Club is such an organisation. Tonight I want to acknowledge Logan Metro FC's 10th anniversary and recognise the significant contribution the club has made to our community in that time.

Ten years ago Logan Metro FC started from scratch, and I mean scratch: no players, no funds, not even a ball to kick. Logan Metro's five founders—president Samuel Escobar, operations manager Sam Escobar, secretary Elsa Yanes, treasurer Adrian Rodas and former head coach Pat Costello—identified an opportunity to create a club that was as diverse and multicultural as the Logan we all know and love.

I am proud that Logan Metro's current home is Compton Park in the Woodridge electorate, and I am proud that funding from our government and the Logan City Council has been invested in competition-standard lighting, irrigation and seating. This has allowed the club to create a unique football venue that is now home to 270 players and members—that is men, women and youth teams—players as young as three-year-old Javier Pablo and as mature as 61-year-old Tommy Lubi, who still laces up for the seniors squad. There is hope for me yet! You have current head coach Luis Melgar, who donned the yellow and navy as a player back in 2012 and has been with Logan Metro FC ever since. Meanwhile, newer members like Julie Scott, Chelsea Smile, Rosa Kuvai and Branden Turepu are acknowledged as the backbone of the club. Then there is Felipe Hueneda, a jack-of-all-trades who spends countless hours at the fields every week line marking, cleaning, coaching under 11s and helping you with anything you need a hand with. That is the loyalty Logan Metro FC is built on.

The diversity I mentioned earlier is in the club's DNA, as it is in the city of Logan. Visit the fields at Compton Park and on any given day any corner of the world could be represented. We are proud; it is our own unique corner of the world. When you visit you feel the vibrancy of Logan Metro FC firsthand, an energy that is cultivated and celebrated across all areas of their operations. It is a club committed to providing a platform for people to participate, whether on the pitch or in the back office. Our community is so lucky to have a club like Logan Metro Football Club, and their 10 years of contribution and success to the city of Logan deserves to be celebrated. Developing local talent, chasing the fairytale, always inclusive and, most of all, Logan proud—that is what Logan Metro Football Club is all about.